

REMARKS

The title has been amended as required by the Examiner. The specification has been amended to correct minor clerical errors. The abstract has been rewritten in a single paragraph, i.e., to conform to U.S. practice. Claims 1 and 4 have been canceled, without prejudice.¹ Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to clarify the invention. No new matter has been entered by any of the foregoing amendments.

Turning to the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by Arai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,316,874), claims 1 and 4 have been canceled, and claims 2 and 3 have been amended to specify that the cathode includes a "first metallic cathode." (Support for this amendment can be found in the original specification at page 3, lines 19-21.) Arai et al. cannot anticipate this feature of claims 2 and 3. Arai et al. teaches an electroluminescence device that includes an electronic injection layer made of an insulating oxide (col. 3, lines 40-45). Nowhere does Arai et al. teach two cathodes, a first which is metallic, and that oxygen is contained in the interface between the organic layer and this first metallic cathode. Thus, Arai et al. cannot anticipate the features of claims 2 and 3, nor any claims dependent therefrom.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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¹ The Examiner in cipher 7 of the Advisory Action mailed December 31, 2003 indicates that Amendment B under Rule 116 would not be entered, and claims 1-6 were rejected. However, in the continuation of cipher 3, the Examiner states "Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): rejection of claim 1 and claim 4, since claims 1 and 4 are cancelled. ... Applicant's arguments regarding claims 2, 3, and 5-6 are not persuasive ...". It is unclear whether the cancellation of claims 1 and 4 has been entered. Therefore, Applicant is canceling claims 1 and 4 in this Amendment.

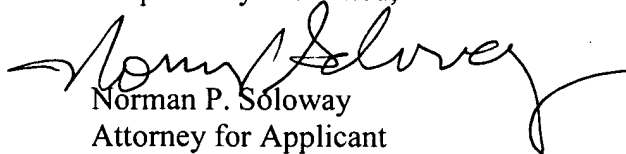
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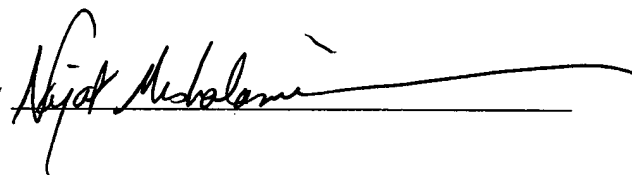
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